

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, on Friday, September 27, 2019, I was unable to attend roll call votes due to my attendance at a funeral for a close family friend. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call vote 553, "aye" on Roll Call vote 554, and "aye" on Roll Call vote 555.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEBBIE JONES

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Debbie Jones as she ends her thirty-four-year term of having served as a Financial Counselor with the House Chief Administrative office. She began her career in the House in May 1985, and over the years has done a remarkable job of ensuring the integrity of House payment transactions. She proved herself to be a strong and thoughtful leader for the Chief Administrative office.

Debbie graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1979 and retires as a Financial Counselor, where she was responsible for reconciling and processing often complex equipment and supply payments for House offices. Debbie had a fine record of public service as she previously served House Clerk Benjamin Guthrie then transitioned to be a Lead Vendor Management Counselor and later Assistant Manager.

I would like to recognize Debbie for being an invaluable asset to the CAO organization, providing excellent customer service to House offices. Her good work ethic, eye for detail, and sense of humor have endeared her to many colleagues and friends.

Once again, Madam Speaker, I am proud of Debbie Jones and all she has accomplished for Massachusetts and beyond. I wish her well in all her future endeavors, following her successful career with the Chief Administrative Office.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARK MORRIS

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of long-time justice advocate and community leader, Mark Morris, PhD.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Oberlin College in 1964, Mark went on to receive his master's and doctorate degrees from

the University of California, Berkeley in 1965 and 1972, respectively. Dr. Morris focused much of his research and studies on the U.S. justice system and social welfare.

In 1986, Mark founded Mark Morris Associates (MMA) with the goal of developing and reforming the justice system. MMA created projects and programs throughout California, including projects here in the Bay Area and Contra Costa County. These programs typically include analyses of offender populations, corrections interventions, and justice/behavioral health interactions.

Under Mark's leadership, MMA has supported many people within Contra Costa County. His efforts have brought probation officers into schools with system-involved youth, built a volunteer mentorship network, and established a treatment program based on a partnership of various county agencies such as Probation, Mental Health, and Education.

Dr. Morris was a dedicated advocate for social change and justice reform. Please join me in honoring Dr. Mark Morris for a life of service and his contributions to the Bay Area.

RETIREMENT OF JUDGE BURNS ELKINS, II

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the retirement of Augustus Burns Elkins, II, an Administrative law Judge, who retired on September 30, 2019, from the Office of Administrative Hearings after 35 years of service to the State of North Carolina.

Judge Elkins received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa Society, and his Juris Doctorate from Wake Forest University School of Law.

He is a certified Judge Advocate from the Air Force Management and Leadership School and served as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force from 1979 to 1984. From 1984 to 2001, he served as a Staff Judge Advocate with the United States Air Force Reserves, having achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The last 11 years of his Air Force service was spent with the 916 Air Refueling Wing at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

For the State of North Carolina, he has held the positions of Deputy Director of the North Carolina Department of Administration—Motor Fleet Management from 1984 to 1990, and General Counsel and Senior Managing Attorney for North Carolina Governor's Council for Persons with Disabilities (GACPD) from 1990 to 2001. At GACPD, he was recognized as one of the State's leading experts on the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

In 2001, he was appointed as an Administrative Law Judge for the State of North Carolina and had served in this capacity until his retirement on September 30, 2019. He is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association and has served as Chairman of the Administrative Law Section. Judge Elkins was honored

with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Exceptional Children Division.

I offer my sincere appreciation for Judge Elkins' service to the United States of America and the great state of North Carolina. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Judge Elkins on his retirement and wish him many years of enjoyment with his family.

HONORING CALFIRE FIREFIGHTER ANDREW MALONEY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CalFire Firefighter Andrew Maloney. Mr. Maloney served the State of California during his distinguished career with CalFire until he was tragically killed by an intoxicated driver on June 12, 2016. In remembrance of his service, a section of State Route 165 in Los Banos is being dedicated to him.

Mr. Maloney began his career in 2000 as a paid call firefighter in Los Banos for the Merced County Fire Department and in the summer of 2001, worked as a firefighter for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2003, he started his career with CalFire, where he worked with the Los Banos, Santa Nella, and Hornitos Stations.

Throughout his life and career, Mr. Maloney always sought to serve others and make people smile. He participated in multiple efforts to train and educate the public about fire safety programs throughout Merced and Mariposa Counties and worked tirelessly to serve whichever community he was assigned to. His colleagues noted that even when working in 115-degree heat, he would always find a way to make others smile.

In both his personal and professional life, Mr. Maloney was a lover of the outdoors. He hiked both the Pacific Crest and Appalachian trails, loved animals, and was an avid scuba diver. Mr. Maloney's adventurous spirit is remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him.

On June 9, 2016, Mr. Maloney was riding his motorcycle on State Route 165 when he got into a collision with a driver who was distracted and under the influence. Three days later, he lost his life due to the injuries he sustained.

The loss of this longtime Los Banos resident and local hero hit close to home with the Merced County fire community. In honor of Mr. Maloney's lifetime of selfless service, the California legislature has chosen to dedicate State Route 165 between Berkeley Drive and Pioneer Road as the CalFire Firefighter Andrew Maloney Memorial Highway. This will ensure that his memory and lifetime of selfless service will be remembered for future generations.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of CalFire Firefighter Andrew Maloney. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor him as the CalFire Firefighter Andrew Maloney Memorial Highway is dedicated. I wish his family, friends, and all Merced County first responders the best as this section of State Route 165 is dedicated in his honor.